

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws and clauses of laws, coming within the meaning and purview of th s act, be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

[Ratified 28th January, 1851.]

## CHAPTER XV.

AN ACT to amend the 4th section of the 12th chapter of the Revised Statutes, concerning Bastard Children.

### SECTION

1 Oath of woman, charging father of child, hereafter to be presumptive evidence only.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That the 4th section of the 12th chapter of the Revised Statutes, concerning bastard children, be so amended as to provide that hereafter the affidavit or examination of any woman, charging any person with being the father of any bastard child or children, shall not be taken as *prima facie* evidence thereof, but shall be regarded as presumptive evidence, subject to be rebutted by other testimony which may be introduced by the defendant.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

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